

National Road Tollhouse
Antietam National Battlefield
Sharpsburg Vicinity
Washington County
Maryland

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Location: Antietam National Battlefield Park, North of Boonsboro Pike, Sharpsburg Vicinity, Washington County, Maryland

Significance: The toll house gains its significance through both its log architecture and former use as a toll house.

Description: The log toll house is a true one-and-one-half-story, three bay structure with German siding. It appears to have been built in two sections. The main block has a front shed-roofed porch which runs its length, and second floor casement windows. The smaller one-story wing sits slightly in front the main block. Both portions have side-gabled tin roofs and exterior chimneys on their east walls.

History: Built in the early nineteenth century, the toll house served the Sharpsburg-Boonsboro Turnpike as the road was formerly aligned. The house is a typical vernacular structure of the Western Maryland area due to its log construction and the style of its front porch. As a functioning toll house during the nineteenth century it is significant to the history of transportation and commerce.

Sources: Antietam National Battlefield Site, National Register of Historic Place nomination form, 1982

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